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Dear Mr Bridge,

On behalf of the Director-General, I wish to thank you for your letter of 28 June 2021, by which you request UNESCO's patronage for activities planned for the "ToDay: Marking the International Day of Tolerance in UK schools" project, which will be organized by the Learn2Think Foundation on 16 November 2021.

By promoting tolerance, dialogue and mutual understanding, this initiative is in line with the work of UNESCO on intercultural dialogue, inclusion and rights. Tolerance requires the conscious choice to reach for mutual understanding and respect, recognizing the strength of diversity, which is at the very heart of UNESCO's work.

With this in mind, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Director-General has granted UNESCO's patronage to this activity. As such, and in accordance with the General Conditions enclosed herewith, the organizers may use the Organization's logo for the "ToDay: Marking the International Day of Tolerance in UK schools" project, organized for the 2021 International Day for Tolerance.

Finally, I would like to inform you that the Social and Human Science Sector of UNESCO is coordinating the elaboration of an anti-racism and antidiscrimination Roadmap with a renewed emphasis on effective actions to counter these trends. As part of it, the UNESCO Master Class Series against Racism and Discriminations, launched in 2019, aims to empower students to spread awareness on how to deconstruct racism and discriminations. A "Master Class on Tolerance" was also organized on 16 November last year with the presence of students from around the world. We would be delighted to provide you with additional information on this series.

Wishing you every success with this event, I remain,



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